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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: IRREGULAR CROSS-SECTIONAL POLYESTER FILAMENTS AND YARN AND
FABRIC CONTAINING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12 as follows:

The above-mentioned requirement (2) defines a ratio of the width of the flat projection part (B) to the width of the triangular part (A), and the ratio is important to cause the resultant irregular cross-sectional polyester filaments and the yarns and fabrics containing the same to obtain a good balance of the creaky touch with the softness and the bulkiness thereof. If the ratio h_2/h_1 is less than 3.0, the resultant irregular cross-sectional polyester filaments and the yarns and the fabrics containing the same exhibit an unsatisfactory bulkiness. If the ratio is more than 10.0, the melt-spinning procedure for producing the irregular cross-sectional polyester filaments exhibits an insufficient stability and the resultant filaments have uneven quality. The ratio h_2/h_1 is preferably in the range of from 4.0 to 7.0.